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06                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
07                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
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09         UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,    )  
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14         Plaintiff,    )  
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17         v.    )  
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19         GEORGE ELLIOTT CHAVIS,    )  
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14         Offense charged:     Possession of Heroin with Intent to Distribute; Possessing a Firearm in  
15         Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime

16         Date of Detention Hearing:   April 4, 2012.

17         The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and  
18         based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds  
19         that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably  
20         assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the  
21         community.

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01           **FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION**

02       1.     Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which  
03 is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to  
04 both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

05       2.     The government proffers evidence alleging defendant's connection with a  
06 multi-defendant drug trafficking case recently filed in this District. The government argues  
07 that defendant, who has a record of military enlistment from 1980 to 1985, was a firearms  
08 source for the drug trafficking organization as well as a driver. Defendant was a commercial  
09 truck driver for 15 years. He is a United States citizen with family ties and a history of recent  
10 travel to Mexico. The government proffers a linesheets from intercepted phone conversations  
11 during which the defendant's daughter is mentioned in connection with the potential  
12 assassination of a witness/co-conspirator, and about parking a drug transport vehicle at a  
13 location where the defendant is staying. There is evidence of substance abuse by defendant  
14 and some discrepancies in the verification of his personal history information.

15       3.     Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no  
16 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant  
17 as required and the safety of the community.

18 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 19       1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney  
20 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from  
21 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;  
22       2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with

counsel;

3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and
  4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services Officer.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2012.

Maeve Gleeson

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Mary Alice Theiler  
United States Magistrate Judge